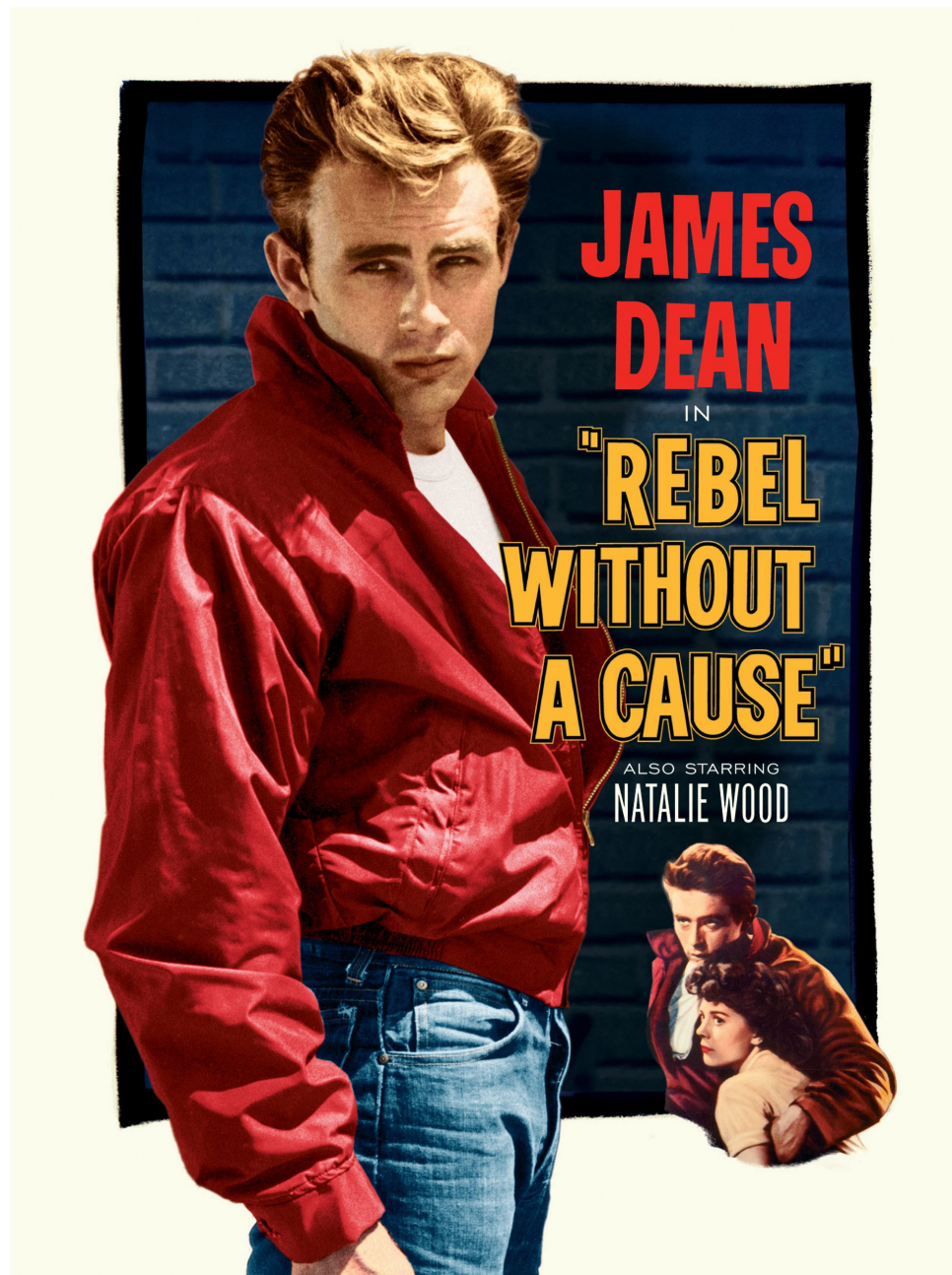


*Momma don't let your babies grow up to be
cowboys don't let them pick guitars and drive
them old trucks...let them be doctors and
lawyers and such.*







**“Hoping we are
together in a long
and bloody war.”**

Fun Scale



People do what makes sense to them to do

Dear Bill,

1. I enjoyed our meeting yesterday. However, I was confused about some things you said in regards to our working relationship.

2. It would be impossible for me to work with you based on some things you indicated in our conversation.

3. However, I think we can go a different direction and enjoy a great business partnership.

4. Let's meet at Starbucks next week and talk.

Sincerely,

Joe

*To understand what the Bible means we must
understand what it meant*

Context: historical, grammatical, cultural



Wisdom:

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full.

The fears of the wicked will be fulfilled; so will the hopes of the godly. When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.

Proverbs

“May the day of my birth perish...”

Job

“Stop and think! When have the upright been destroyed? My experience is that those who plant trouble and cultivate evil will harvest the same.”

“I am innocent, but it makes no difference to me—I despise my life. Innocent or wicked, it is all the same to God. That’s why I say, ‘He destroys both the blameless and the wicked.’”

“An empty-headed person won’t become wise any more than a wild donkey can bear a human child.”

“You people really know everything, don’t you?
And when you die wisdom will die with you! Well, I
know a few things myself and you’re no better than
I am.”

“I am young and you are old, so I held back from telling you what I think. I thought, ‘Those who are older should speak, for wisdom comes with age....but sometimes the elders are not wise.’”

“Mark this well, Job. Listen to me, for I have more to say. But if you have anything to say, go ahead. Speak, for I am anxious to see you justified. But if not, then listen to me. Keep silent and I will teach you wisdom.”

“If only I knew where to find God, I would go this court. I would lay out my case and present my arguments. Then I would listen to his reply and understand what he says to me. Would he use his great power to argue with me? No, he would give me a fair hearing. Honest people can reason with him, so I would be acquitted once and for all by my judge.”

“Will you discredit my justice and condemn me just to prove you are right?”

“Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you and you must answer them.”

“Lord, I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked ‘who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. You said ‘Listen to me, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Who is wise?

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus replied “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.”

“Both I observed in my meaningless life: There is a righteous person perishing in his righteousness, and there is a wicked person living long in his evil.”

Ecclesiastes 7:15

“Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of humanity. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13,14

“Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as if something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”

1 Peter 4:12-13